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IN presenting this family record I feel that it is only proper that I acknowledge that much of the information given has already been published in other memorials, such as the one written by Oliver Kendall in memory of the descendants of Joshua Kendall, in several histories of Woburn and in numerous genealogies, all of which were of great assistance to me.

If you have not had a similar experience in gathering information of families long since passed away you can hardly realize the labor required in compiling even this little volume.

It has been my endeavor to make it as reliable as possible and I hope that not many errors will be found but information coming from so many and varied sources may not always be correct and very likely errors may be found.

Dates given are in all cases as found, no attempt being made to change them from the old style. Thus, those given previous to 1752 are old style.

RALPH R. KENDALL

EARLY RECORDS

According to early authentic records found in the Massachusetts Genealogical Society files at Boston dating from 1301, the Kendalls settled on the borders of the three counties of Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Derbyshire, England. Through alliances with the families of Shepey, Walcote, Wallers, Comyn and Fitzherbert, their descent is traced from Hugo de Burdet and Herbert Fitzherbert, Norman Knights, who came with William the Conquerer and from Sieur de Quincey, another Norman Knight.

Among some of the prominent Kendalls in England are found the following: John Kendall, Secretary to Richard III, Supervisor of the King's Works, in 1481 became comptroller of Public Works for life.

George Kendall, noted Theologian. He was the son of George Kendall, who was Collector of Customs.

Edward Augustus Kendall, a writer.

Henry Clarence Kendall, poet. His father was a missionary to Australia.

Another John Kendall, General of Infantry to the Knights of St. John in 1477. He was empowered by Pope Sixtus XII to grant indulgences and give facilities in confession in 1480.

A third John Kendall, a vicar choral of Southwell in 1476. He is mentioned as having a violent temper.

Another John, 1726-1815, noted Quaker. His abstract of the Bible in 1800 is familiar in families and schools of Friends.

One record states that there has been more members of the English Parliament by the name of Kendall than any other name.

FIRST RECORD OF A KENDALL IN THIS COUNTRY

The first record of a Kendall coming to this country, Captain George Kendall to Virginia on the first expedition in 1606-7, was executed soon after his arrival, presumably for disloyalty to the Crown.

Our ancestor, Francis, came in 1640 and settled in Charlestown, Mass., that part now known as Woburn. He married in 1644, Mary Tidd, the daughter of a minister. For some reason Francis came under the name of Miles. In 1615 Miles Kendall was Governor of Bermuda. He and Francis were related and this may be why the name Miles suggested itself to Francis. From the union of Francis Kendall and Mary Tidd all of the New England Kendalls can be traced.

The outstanding Kendalls in America:

Amos Kendall born in Dunstable, Mass., August 16, 1789. Graduated from Dartmouth in 1811 at head of his class, was a lawyer; removed to Lexington, Ky. He was a Democrat and warmly supported Jackson in 1824 for President and acquired great influence with the Administration. Some of Jackson's ablest state papers are attributed to his pen. He was considered one of the most remarkable men in America. Was Postmaster-General in 1835. Became associated with Morse in the ownership of telegraph patents and a very rich man. Gave $100,000.00 toward the building of the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington in 1864. Founder of the Washington Deaf and Dumb Asylum and its first President. Author of the Life of Andrew Jackson.

Bion Freeman Kendall born in Bethel, Maine, in 1827, died in Washington Territory by assassination. He was Superintendent of Indian Affairs and a noted lawyer.

Edward Hale Kendall born in Boston, 1842, noted architect in New York City.

George Wilkins Kendall born in New Hampshire 1809, died in Texas, 1867. Established New Orleans Picayune newspaper, was in the Mexican War, died wealthy.

In about 1775 there lived in Woburn one Nathan Kendall and wife Sarah. They were prominent characters, moved in the best circles, were wealthy and able to live accordingly. They had two sons, Nathan and Paul, and five daughters, Hannah, Sarah, Rebecca, Jane and Eunice. In 1781 all embraced the Shaker religion. About 1790 they removed to Mt. Lebanon, N. Y., and established the Shaker Church there. Hannah was called to the ministry and presided over the societies at Harvard and Shirley, near Worcester, Mass., and Sarah at New Gloucester, Me.

Some were eminent divines, distinguished lawyers, statesmen, journalists and authors, but the greater number were farmers. "The descendants of these pious Puritans," says American Family Antiquary, "have spread themselves over the length and breadth of this country as pioneers and settlers."

THE NAME AND THE TOWN KENDAL

Kendall or Kendal.—"Local. Derived from the town of Kendal, in Westmoreland, England, and was so-called from the river Ken, on which it is situated, and dale; the dale on the river Ken."

Kendall. English authorities suppose this name to have been originally Candale.

Rev. Dr. Kendall, of Weston, Mass., supposed the name to have been originally Kent-dale.

The Town Kendal.—"Kendal was one of the first provincial towns that printed a newspaper, commencing in 1811. Kendal was celebrated for its buckram or green druggets, at one time the common clothing of the poor in London. Shakespeare places the following allusion to this favorite costume in the mouth of Falstaff:

> "But, as the devil would have it,
> Three misbegotten knaves,
> In Kendal green, came at my back,
> And let drive at me."

In 1598.—At Kendall, 2500 persons died of the plague.

FRANCIS KENDALL. As stated elsewhere I found that the New England Kendalls are descendants of Francis Kendall born in England in 1620, and coming to this country about 1640, as we find him in Charlestown, Mass., December 18 of the same year subscribing with thirty-one others to "Town Orders for Woburn." With him came a brother Thomas and it is thought that the two concealed from their parents their intention to emigrate to this country. They embarked from England under the name of Miles but both took their own name after their arrival. Francis Kendall was married December 24, 1644 to Mary Tedd, also spelled Tidd. She came to America in 1637. Francis served the town for eighteen years as selectman and was often appointed on important committees, being the Chairman of the Committee on Division of Lands. Thirteen citizens of Woburn were prosecuted before the Middlesex County Court in December 1671, for publicly manifesting contempt for the ordinance of infant baptism and attending the assemblies of Ana-Baptist (this was an early name of the Baptists) which were not then allowed by law. One of the thirteen was Francis Kendall. His will is dated May 9, 1706. He styles himself a Miller. Francis was not only possessed of sufficient real estate to give all his children farms, but he also remembered liberally six grandsons and three granddaughters. He also remembered the eight children of his brother Thomas who settled in Reading, Mass., and was a deacon of the church there. This brother Thomas and Rebecca his wife, had ten children, nine daughters and one son. Eight daughters were living at the time of Francis' death; the son died in infancy. These daughters in order to preserve their maiden name Kendall agreed that each when married that the first-born son should have the given name Kendall prefixed to his surname which gave occasion to the following lines from a poem written by Lilly Eaton of South Reading, Mass., and published with Flint's Historical Address upon the 200th anniversary of the founding of Reading.

"She had ten daughters and each one
When married christened her first son
Kendall and thus we may infer
Why 'tis these names so oft occur."

When Rebecca, wife of Thomas, died, she had 175 grand and great-grandchildren.

"We know not to what sphere the loved who leave us go,
Nor why we're left to wonder still, nor why we do not know.

But this we know: our loved and dead, if they should come this day—
Should come and ask us, "What is life,"—not one of us could say.
Life is a mystery as deep as ever death can be;
Yet, oh, how sweet it is to us, this life we live and see!

"Then might they say—these vanished ones—and blessed is the thought,
So death is sweet to us, beloved! though we may tell you naught.
We may not tell it to the quick—this mystery of death—
Ye may not tell us, if ye would, the mystery of breath.

"The child who enters life comes not with knowledge or intent,
So those who enter death must go as little children sent.
Nothing is known. But I believe the God is overhead;
And as life is to the living, so death is to the dead."

AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

FRANCIS KENDALL, born in England 1620; married December 24, 1644, Mary Tidd. He died in 1708, aged 88. Mary died in 1705. The place of their burial is unknown. Children born in Woburn:

1. John, b. July 2, 1646. See I.
2. Thomas, b. January 10, 1648-9. See II.
3. Mary, b. January 20, 1650-1; m. Israel Reed about 1669; died 1721.
4. Elizabeth, b. January 15, 1652-3; m. (1st). Ephraim Winship; (2d) James Peirce; died 1715.
5. Hannah, b. January 26, 1654-5; m. William Green, Jr., as his 2nd wife.
6. Rebekah, b. March 2, 1657; m. Joshua Eaton; died 1706.
7. Samuel, b. March 8, 1659. See III.
8. Jacob, b. January 25, 1660-1. See IV.
9. Abigail, b. April 6, 1666; m. Wm. Reed May 24, 1686.

The children of John, Thomas, Samuel and Jacob Kendall, the four sons of Francis the first, were all born in Woburn, Mass., as follows:

I. JOHN KENDALL, (2), eldest son of Francis and Mary; married January 29, 1668, Hannah, daughter of Thomas Bartlett. Children:

1. Mary, b. September 1, 1671; died 1721.
2. Lydia, b. April 23, 1674; m. September 21, 1698, John Wright.
3. Francis, b. December 4, 1678; died soon after.

His first wife, Hannah, dying, John Kendall married Elizabeth Comey on March 29, 1681. Children:

4. Francis, b. April 11, 1682; m. Abigail ——.
5. John, b. October 7, 1684; died young.
6. David, b. November 14, 1686.
7. Elizabeth, b. February 23, 1689; married Amos Knight 1720.
8. Jonathan, b. November 28, 1690; m. Sarah ———; res. Charlestown, Mass.
9. Rebekah, b. March 22, 1693; m. ——— Bowman.

10. Nathaniel, b. February, 1695; m. (1st) March 19, 1720, Abigail Lock; (2d) February 11, 1731, Sarah Carter. He died April —, 1776, aged 82.
11. John, b. July 8, 1699; m. March 25, 1718 Deborah Richardson.
12. Hannah, b. July 8, 1699; m. Thomas Lippinwell May 10, 1725.

This record may be incomplete as one writer thinks that one or more children were born between Nathaniel and John, perhaps an Ephraim.

John Kendall was a soldier in Philip's War, 1675. He received a forty-acre grant from the town of Lancaster, Mass., June 26, 1714 on the west side of George Hill.

Elizabeth, wife of John Kendall, died in December, 1701. After her death he married for his third wife, Eunice, widow of Samuel Carter and daughter of John Brooks. She was living in 1706.

II. THOMAS KENDALL, (2), 2nd son of Francis and Mary, b. January 10, 1648-9; m. Ruth Blodgett, 1673. She was born December 28, 1656. Children:

1. Ruth, b. February 17, 1674-5; m. John Walker, Jr., son of Deacon S. Walker.
2. Thomas, b. May 19, 1677; m. Sarah Cheever; res. Sherburne and Framingham, Mass.
3. Mary, b. February 27, 1680; m. Joseph Whittmore 1698-9.
4. Samuel, b. October 29, 1682.
5. Ralph, b. May 4, 1685; m. May —, 1707, Abigail Carter; res. Lancaster.
6. Eleazer, b. November 16, 1687; m. Hannah Rowe of Lexington about 1712; res. Framingham, Mass. She died 1761. He married (2d) widow Sarah Angier, 1767.
7. Ephraim, b. 1690; m. Judith Walker.
8. Jabez, Jane, twins; b. September 10, 1692, m. Rebekah about 1718; m. Joseph Russell, 1712.

Ruth, wife of Thomas Kendall, died December 18, 1695.

Thomas Kendall married for his 2d wife Abigail Broughton of Weston, Mass., on March 30, 1696. She died December 31, 1716. He died May 25, 1730, aged 81.

In a deed from Joshua Sawyer, dated January 18, 1687-88, Thomas Kendall is called a "husbandman" and his farm appears to have joined the original homestead of Francis Kendall.

The last resting place of Thomas Kendall is unknown.

III. SAMUEL KENDALL, (2), 3d son of Francis and Mary, b. March 8, 1659; m. November 13, 1683, Rebekah Mixer, daughter of Isaac Mixer. Children:

1. Samuel, b. August 13, 1684; m. Prudence about 1710.
2. Isaac, b. September 13, 1686; m. October 9, 1706, Hannah Walker; res. Watertown, Mass. and Ashford, Conn.
3. Joshua, b. March 14, 1689; m. May 25, 1710, Susanna Harrington; res. Watertown, Mass. and Ashford, Conn.
4. Rebekah, b. July 6, 1691; died November 25, 1691.

Rebekah, wife of Samuel Kendall dying October 25, 1691, he married March 30, 1692, for his second wife, Mary Locke, daughter of William Locke. William Locke born in London, December 13, 1628, came from there in the "Planter" in 1635, being aged six, with Nicholas Davis, his uncle. His uncle subscribed the Town Orders for Woburn and became one of the first planters of Woburn. He married Mary Clark. Children:

5. Mary, b. February 3, 1693; died August 14, 1727.
6. Rebekah, b. January 26, 1694-5; m. Samuel Russel.
7. Abigail, b. March 31, 1697; m. William Nichols of Reading, 1719-20.
8. Ebenezer, b. May 16, 1700; m. Hannah Thompson 1730, daughter of Simon and Hannah Thompson (See V).
9. Ruth, b. April 23, 1703; m. Raham Bancroft January 2, 1729.

10. Tabitha, b. January 22, 1706-7; m. Nathan Richardson 1729, and died November 25, 1739.

Samuel Kendall removed to Lancaster, Mass., about 1742. His will written December 6, 1742, is on file in the Probate Office at Worcester, Mass. He died at the age of 90. Burial place unknown.

IV. JACOB KENDALL, (2), youngest son of Francis and Mary, b. January 25, 1660-1; m. January 2, 1683-4, Persis "Heywood" or "Hayward." Children:

1. Persis, b. August 24, 1685.
2. Jacob, b. January 12, 1686-7.
3. Joseph, b. December 7, 1688; died October 3, 1743.
4. Jonathan, b. November 2, 1690; died the 11th of the same month.
5. Daniel, b. October 23, 1691.

Persis, wife of Jacob Kendall, died October 19, 1694, and he married January 10, 1695, for his second wife, Alice Temple. Children:

6. Ebenezer, b. November 9, 1695; died October —, 1697.
7. John, b. January 19, 1696-7; died October 17, 1697.
8. Sarah, b. July 18, 1698; m. December 10, 1723 Benjamin Whitmore.
9. Esther, b. November 20, 1699.
10. Hezekiah, b. May 26, 1701.
11. Nathan, b. December 12, 1702.
12. Susanna, b. October 27, 1704.
13. Phebe, b. December 19, 1706.
14. David, b. September 28, 1708.
15. Ebenezer, b. April 5, 1710.
16. Alice, b. January 31, 1712.
17. Abraham, b. April 26, 1713.
18. Jacob, b. April 22, 1714; died June 1, 1714.
19. Persis, b. August 23, 1715.
20. Jacob, b. July 1, 1717 in Billerica.

John, Ebenezer, and Abraham, sons of Jacob Kendall moved to Dunstable, Mass., about the year 1726. John was great-grandfather of Amos Kendall, Postmaster-General of the United States under President Jackson.

No record is found of the death of either Jacob or Alice Kendall.

Samuel Sewall, the Woburn historian, in his "Genealogical Notes," says: "Descendants of these four brothers, who made Woburn their place of permanent residence, were formerly very numerous. Individuals of the name still remain in the town, but have much dwindled of late in respect to numbers (1867-8). But multitudes of Kendalls have gone forth from Woburn to replenish other towns of the Commonwealth, of Tewksbury and Sherburne in Middlesex County; and Athol, Lancaster, Leominster and Sterling, in Worcester County; have all been more or less indebted to Woburn for her many sons and daughters, Kendalls by name or birth, whom she has contributed to help settle those towns or when settled already, to increase their number of inhabitants. And no family of Kendalls in Woburn has done more to swell the tide of emigration toward the towns above mentioned than that of Samuel Kendall, grandson of Francis Kendall."

V. Ebenezer Kendall, (3), son of Samuel and Mary Locke Kendall, b. May 16, 1700, m. 1730 to Hannah Thompson, daughter of Simon and Hannah Thompson, b. April 8, 1703. Simon was the son of Jonathan, born June 15, 1673.

Their children born in Woburn:

1. Ebenezer, August 19, 1731, died 1749.
2. Jonathan, b. October 19, 1732, m. Patience Frost October 3, 1761.
3. William, b. April 22, 1734, m. Mary Lippenwill 1st, Sarah Bradstreet, 2nd. (See VI).
4. Simon, b. July 29, 1737, died in battle, Ticonderoga 1758.
5. Reuben, b. November 25, 1739, m. Mollie Hartwell July 10, 1762.
6. Ruth, b. March 17, 1742; m. Richard Fowler.

Children born in Lancaster:

7. Silas, b. February 4, 1744.
8. Hannah, b. December 10, 1747, m. David Holt.

Ebenezer Kendall, Sr. and Jr., died in May, 1749, in Lancaster, Mass.

VI. William Kendall, (4), 3d son and 3d child of Ebenezer and Hannah Thompson Kendall, b. April 22, 1734, m. August 15, 1757, Mary Lippenwill in Lancaster, Mass. Soon after their marriage they removed to Lunenburg, Mass., where the following children were born:

1. William, b. March 8, 1758, m. Hannah Needham. Served in the Revolution.
2. Hannah, b. May 3, 1759, m. Jonathan Going of Reading, Vt., March 28, 1776.
3. Samuel and Mary, twins, b. January 6, 1762. Mary died young. Samuel in the Revolution.
4. Eusebia, b. October 30, 1763, married Noah Harrod.
5. Alovisa, b. September 28, 1765, m. Solomon Laws, 1801.

Mary, wife of William Kendall, died January 4, 1767, and he married Sarah Bradstreet August 20, 1769. She was born July 24, 1740, the daughter of Samuel and Dorcas Spofford Bradstreet. Humphrey Bradstreet, grandfather of Sarah, came from England in the "Elizabeth" in 1634 and settled in Ispwich, Mass. The Bradstreet farm in the town of Rowley, Mass., is possibly the oldest farm in America if one measures the age of the farm by the continuous relation of one family to the same land. None but a Bradstreet has ever farmed these acres since Humphrey Bradstreet had his grant from Ispwich in 1635. The farm is now run by John Bradstreet (1935).

Bradstreet was a prominent family in Massachusetts, Gov. Bradstreet being of the same family.

Children born to William and Sarah Bradstreet Kendall in Lunenburg:

6. John Bradstreet, b. August 20, 1770, m. Asenath ———, died May 17, 1855, buried Plains Cemetery in Weathersfield, Vt.

7. Thomas, b. April 20, 1772, m. Betsy Reed of Littleton, Mass. (See VII).

Children born in Townsend, Mass.:

8. Solomon, b. November 25, 1774.
9. Mary, b. December 25, 1776, I think lived and died in Cavendish, Vt.

In 1790 William Kendall was living in Acton, Mass., and there is a record on file at the Middlesex County Court House that he sold his property in Acton in 1794, and I feel quite sure that he removed to Vermont at that time. He was a member of William Prescott's regiment which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775 to Cambridge from Townsend, Mass., and later a sergeant in Capt. Jonathan Davis' Company in the 23rd Regiment.

I can find no record of the death of William Kendall or his wife Sarah, but from land records I believe that he was living in Cavendish in 1810. He may be buried in the old Revolutionary Cemetery at Cavendish.

VII. THOMAS KENDALL, (5), 2d son of William and Sarah Bradstreet Kendall, b. April 20, 1772 in Lunenburg, Mass., (stone record 1773 in error) married in Littleton, Mass., February 18, 1794 by Rev. Edmund Foster to Betsy Reed. Betsy Reed was born August 25, 1770 (stone record 1771 error). She was the daughter of Samuel and Hannah Raymond Reed. Samuel Reed was the son of Benjamin and Rebeccah Stone Reed. Benjamin Reed was the son of William and Abigail Kendall Reed. William Reed was the son of George and George was the son of William and Mabel Kendall Reed, who came to America in 1635. Mabel Kendall was Francis' sister. Thomas Kendall died in Weathersfield, Vt., January 24, 1853. His wife, Betsy Reed, died in Reading, February 21, 1850. Both are buried in Weathersfield, Vt., Plains Cemetery.

At the time of their marriage Thomas was living in Acton, Mass., and Betsy in Littleton, Mass., where she was born. Shortly after being married they removed to Cavendish, Vt., or it may have been Baltimore, Vt. All of their children including our Grandfather Samuel, were born in Cavendish but there are no birth records there to prove it. The Reed family were in Cavendish as early as 1779 so that Thomas and Betsy followed relatives on the Reed side in locating there.

The children of Thomas and Betsy Reed Kendall were as follows: Born in Cavendish, Vt.

1. Daniel William, b. July 22, 1795.
   1st. m. Lydia Baldwin, she died August 4, 1841. 2nd m. Lorenda Rogers November 21, 1844, she died August 1, 1849, aged 36. 3rd m. Laura Sherwin September 8, 1850. Daniel W. died February 19, 1881 and is buried in Coffeen Cemetery in Cavendish, Vt., with his first wife, Lydia Baldwin, whose mother was a daughter of Capt. Coffeen.
2. Betsy, b. January 24, 1797; died May 4, 1885, m. Leonard Sherman; he died July 4, 1879, aged 82 years, 5 months.
   Both buried in Plains Cemetery, Weathersfield, Vt.
3. Horace, b. October 20, 1798; died August 27, 1875. Killed by being thrown from carriage. m. Hannah Sherman November 22, 1821 at Weathersfield, Vt.; she died January 11, 1892, aged 90. Both buried in Greenbush Cemetery, Weathersfield, Vt.
4. Samuel Reed, b. March 30, 1800, died October 4, 1869. Killed by falling from ladder (See VIII)., m. Matilda Thomas January 24, 1822 in Cavendish, Vt.
5. Luther, b. 1801; died November 30, 1886. m. Betsy White in Cavendish, Vt., April 2, 1828; she died February 4, 1880, aged 74. Luther was known as Squire Kendall; was a justice of the peace and performed many marriages; was a prominent man of his day. Both buried in Felchville Cemetery.
6. Louisa Mary, b. 1803 (?); m. Abner Jackman November 13, 1823 in Weathersfield, Vt. Moved westward.
7. Hannah, b. October 3, 1806; died December 14, 1888; never married. Died in Felchville and is buried in Plains Cemetery, Weathersfield, Vt.

8. Thomas, b. March, 1809; died February 5, 1813. Buried in Cavendish Center Cemetery.
9. Addison, b. April 23, 1814; died August 4, 1879; m. Emily Saunders; died December 10, 1858, aged 36. Both buried in Ascutney Cemetery, Ascutney, Vt.

VIII. Samuel Reed Kendall, (6), son of Thomas and Betsy Reed Kendall, b. March 30, 1800 in Cavendish, Vt., m. in Cavendish, Vt., January 24, 1822 by Levi Jackman to Matilda Thomas. She was the daughter of John and Rhoda Briggs Thomas and was born November 7, 1803 in Cavendish, Vt. He died by falling from a ladder October 4, 1869 trying to save church records at the time of the great flood in Felchville, Vt. He was prominent in town affairs and was selectman in 1849-1851-1852. At the time of his death he was the proprietor of the hotel in Felchville. He was a successful farmer and business man and a powerful man physically, active in church affairs, being deacon in Baptist Church in Felchville.

She died at the home of her daughter, Eliza Grimes, at Downers August 11, 1892 from old age.

Both buried in Felchville Cemetery.

Children born in Weathersfield, Vt.:

1. Eliza Ann, b. April 25, 1823; died October 8, 1905. See IX-(7).
2. Aaron Thomas, b. October 7, 1824; died March 3, 1906. See X-(7).
3. Luther Reed, b. February 7, 1827; died April 13, 1908. See XI-(7).
4. Mary Maria, b. February 16, 1829; died May 21, 1886. See XII-(7).
5. George W., b. April 26, 1831; died August 15, 1897. See XIII-(7).
6. Electa Georgianna, b. April 4, 1833; died April 5, 1916. See XIV-(7).
7. Joseph Fairbanks, b. March 15, 1836; died December 3, 1910. See XV-(7).
8. Charles F., b. March 28, 1839; died June 13, 1892. See XVI-(7).

Samuel Reed Kendall

Matilda Thomas Kendall

Joseph, George, Luther, Charles, Marcus
Electa, Mary, Aaron, Eliza, Lodisca

Children of Samuel Reed and Matilda Thomas Kendall. Picture taken October, 1869

9. Lodisca Harriett, b. April 17, 1844; died March 3, 1933. See XVII-(7).
10. Marcus Morton, b. August 12, 1848; died August 11, 1910. See XVIII-(7).

IX. Eliza Ann Kendall, (7), b. April 25, 1823; died October 8, 1905; m. John L. Persons December 6, 1848. Children:

1. Ada S. (8), b. October 16, 1849; died October 6, 1897. See XIX-(8).
2. Ella M. (8), b. October 4, 1851; died November 27, 1874; m. J. Hervey Merriam.
3. George K. (8), b. October 15, 1853; died April 23, 1931. See XX-(8).
4. Lucius (8), b. ——, 1857; died —— 1857.
5. Etta E. (8), b. October 10, 1858. See XXI-(8).
6. John L., Jr., (8), b. February 2, 1861; died October 27, 1874.

John L. Persons died May 19, 1861, age 36.

Eliza married August 12, 1880, Bradford Grimes. He died February 13, 1893. John and Eliza are buried in Felchville Cemetery and Bradford Grimes in Ascutneyville Cemetery.

X. Aaron Thomas Kendall, (7), b. October 7, 1824; died March 3, 1906; m. Melissa A. Stratton February 2, 1852. She died March 4, 1907. Both are buried in Pittsford, Vt. Children:

1. Eva Melissa, (8), b. April 2, 1853; died May 27, 1936; m. 1st Corydon M. Fay, April 2, 1873. 2nd George Nungesser, June 6, 1888. Earl, (9), b. August 24, 1882; m. Daisy M. Mason, June 26, 1907. They have one son, Kendall, (10), b. March 13, 1911.
2. Mary Emma, (8), b. May 24, 1854. See XXII-(8).
3. Ellen Julia, (8), b. August 24, 1856. See XXIII-(8).
4. Alice Matilda, (8), b. February 25, 1859; died May 15, 1886.

5. Harriett (Hattie) Lodisca, (8), b. February 2, 1861; m. Budd Dallas Hawkins, August, 1884; m. Lucius H. Turner, March 3, 1929.
6. Samuel Reed, (8), b. November 21, 1864. See XXIV-(8).
7. Lucius Stearns, (8), b. February 7, 1870. See XXV-(8).

XI. Luther Reed Kendall, (7), b. February 7, 1827; died April 13, 1908; m. Mary M. Felch April 7, 1851. She was born December 2, 1830; died May 17, 1912. Felchville was named from her family. Both buried in Felchville Cemetery. Children:

1. Elwin D., (8), b. April 4, 1852. See XXVI-(8).
2. Wilbur L., (8), b. January 14, 1857; died July 1, 1881.
3. Charles R., (8), b. July 3, 1859. See XXVII-(8).
4. Carrie A. (8), b. November 25, 1863; died February 8, 1902. She m. Ernest L. Fullan July 5, 1893. He died August 20, 1933. They had one child, Fern, b. May 17, 1896; died January 18, 1916. Ernest, Carrie and Fern are buried in Ludlow, Vt. Cemetery.

XII. Mary Maria Kendall, (7), b. February 16, 1829; died May 21, 1886, in Springfield, Mass.; m. Hiram M. Chamberlin at Weathersfield, Vt., August 4, 1856. He died September 30, 1903, aged 74 years, 3 months, 24 days. Both are buried in Felchville Cemetery. Children:

1. Samuel K., (8), b. August 10, 1858; died May 20, 1928. See XXVIII-(8).
2. Luther H., (8), b. May 5, 1868, Springfield, Mass.; died Felchville, Vt., July 1, 1880.
3. Katharine May, (8), b. June 6, 1874 in Felchville, Vt.

XIII. George W. Kendall, (7), b. April 26, 1831; died August 15, 1897; m. 1st Carrie L. Tarbell, March 22, 1859. She died September 13, 1862; m. 2nd Emma Celestine Tarbell,

September 14, 1863. She died July 18, 1916. All are buried in Cavendish Cemetery. Children:

1. Bertie E., (8), b. March 7, 1861; died July 27, 1862.
2. Albert G., (8), b. March 27, 1865. See XXIX-(8).
3. Flora M., (8), b. June 26, 1867. See XXX-(8).
4. Raymond A., (8), b. October 4, 1875.

XIV. Electa Georgiana Kendall, (7), b. April 4, 1833; died April 5, 1916; m. 1st Lucius Hudson August 4, 1856. He died August 24, 1857; m. 2nd Richard Rush Kinsman, June 10, 1858. He died August 25, 1904. All are buried in Rutland, Vt. Cemetery. Children:

1. Walter Ross (8), b. March 11, 1859; died July 12, 1923. See XXXI-(8).
2. Mary Electa, (8), b. December 4, 1863. See XXXII-(8).

XV. Joseph Fairbanks Kendall, (7), b. March 15, 1836; died December 3, 1910; m. 1st Ellen Jane Dickinson, October 26, 1859; m. 2nd Virginia Lloyd, June 22, 1867. She died January 24, 1932. Joseph and Virginia are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield, Mass. Children:

1. Lena, (8), b. April 17, 1868; died December 4, 1892; m. William A. Carter February 14, 1888. He was born May 6, 1861 and died December 9, 1910. Children: I, Earl Kendall, (9), b. June 3, 1889; II, Lloyd, (9), b. December 8, 1890; died April 2, 1895.

XVI. Charles F. Kendall, (7), b. March 28, 1839; died June 13, 1892; m. Mary A. Brown September 20, 1864 by Rev. Robert G. Johnson. She was the daughter of Charles and Olive Brown. She died February 6, 1888. Both are buried in Grove Hill Cemetery, Rockville, Conn. Children:

1. Harry C., (8), b. August 27, 1865. See XXXIII-(8).
2. Gertrude M., (8), b. May 10, 1869. See XXXIV-(8).

3. Fred G., (8), b. August 27, 1873.
4. Ralph R., (8), b. May 3, 1876. See XXXV-(8).
5. Arthur T., (8), b. March 9, 1878.

XVII. Lodisca Harriett Kendall, (7), b. April 17, 1844; died March 3, 1933; m. 1st Charles Lucius Stearns, June 28, 1870. He died October 18, 1878 and both are buried in Greenbush Cemetery, Weathersfield, Vt.; m. 2nd Perkins E. Fletcher, May 3, 1881. He was born in Reading November 27, 1857 and died March 9, 1921; buried Greenbush Cemetery. Children:

1. Edith, (8), b. February 24, 1873; died December 14, 1912 and is buried in Cavendish, Vt. Cemetery; m. Amasa Grout May 15, 1897. They had a daughter
   Margaret, (9), b. December 6, 1905, Newfane, Vt.; m. 1st Kenneth H. Longe, November 11, 1924; 2nd Basil Pitchard July 18, 1929; 3rd William E. Sherman, March 21, 1935. Children: William, (10) April 7, 1929; Kendall, (10) September 3, 1930; Richard Laurence, (10), March 6, 1933.
2. Ethel, (8), b. March 18, 1883; died August 30, 1909; m. Frank Adams September 16, 1903. He died August 28, 1915. Both are buried in Weathersfield Plain Cemetery. They had a daughter
   Evelyn, (9), b. February 13, 1907; m. Glenn A. Rainboth in Ludlow, Vt., September 30, 1926. Children: I, Carmen Ethel, (10), b. October 6, 1928; II, Richard Arthur, (10), b. January 13, 1935.

XVIII. Marcus Morton Kendall, (7), b. August 12, 1848; died August 11, 1910; m. Rose Hewitt October 3, 1869. She was born March 23, 1848 and died February 20, 1919. Both buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield, Mass. Children:

1. Ina R., (8), b. February 1, 1872 in Felchville, Vt.; m. Charles H. Morris October 25,

1898. He was born in Nantucket January 3, 1870.

2. Bertha L., (8), b. November 9, 1881; m. Merton Cunningham. See XXXVI-(8).
3. Ora Agnes, (8), b. January 9, 1884; died May 25, 1886. Buried Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield, Mass.

XIX. ADA S. PERSONS, (8), daughter of Eliza and John L. Persons, b. October 16, 1849; died October 6, 1897; m. Freedom S. Adams December 2, 1873.

Freedom Adams was born in Cavendish, Vt., and died in Cambridge, Mass., December 13, 1916. Both are buried in Cambridge, Mass. Cemetery. Children:

1. Ella M., (9), b. February 16, 1875 in Reading, Vt.; m. 1st Frank E. Cheney June 21, 1893; 2nd Lucius S. Kendall, November 30, 1929. Children:
   I, Edwin A. Cheney, (10), b. May 28, 1896; m. Elizabeth Gilchrist, November 22, 1920;
   II, Ruth Mae Cheney, (10), b. June 16, 1907; m. George Edwin Thompson, June 30, 1934.
2. Fred J., (9), b. August 25, 1879; died June 30, 1918; m. Mabel Hayford October 17, 1900. Children:
   Dorothy Mae, (10), b. April 30, 1907; m. Greenough Abbe, October 6, 1934.
   Fred is buried in Cambridge Cemetery.
3. Bertha L., (9), b. October 8, 1884; died January 12, 1930; m. Nathan W. Hawkes June 6, 1906. Children: I, Nathan W., Jr., (10), b. November 18, 1908; II, Barbara, (10), b. June 28, 1912. Bertha is buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass.

XX. GEORGE K. PERSONS, (8), son of Eliza and John L. Persons; b. October 15, 1853; died April 23, 1931; m. Susan E. Carter April 10, 1876. She died January 15, 1919. Both are buried in Cambridge Cemetery. Children.

1. Clair G., (9), b. December 16, 1877 in

Reading, Vt.; m. 1st Faith A. Davis, June 6, 1906; 2nd Adelaide R. Heald, June 21, 1933. Children born to Clair and Faith: I, Margery Davis, (10), b. September 22, 1909; m. Fremont Richards July 1, 1935; II, Edmond Carter, (10), b. August 17, 1913.

2. Alice Carter, (9), b. October 22, 1880.

XXI. ETTA E. PERSONS, (8), daughter of Eliza and John L. Persons, b. October 10, 1858; m. Lucian S. Cabot April 3, 1878 who was born in Weathersfield, Vt. February 10, 1854. Died Salem, Mass., April 20, 1936. Children:

1. Della, (9), b. November 26, 1879; m. Leon Miles January 1, 1906. Children: I, Helen, (10), b. October 6, 1908; II, Arthur D., (10), b. December 10, 1912; died November 15, 1920.
2. Walter, (9), b. February 4, 1885; m. Pauline R. Conant October 5, 1910: Children: I, Barbara, (10), b. 1912; died 1912; II, Walter, Jr., (10), b. September 11, 1914; III, Janet C., (10), b. March 1, 1917; IV, Paul C., (10), b. November 16, 1920.

XXII. MARY EMMA KENDALL, (8), daughter of Aaron and Melissa Kendall, b. May 24, 1854; m. 1st George E. Trask November 23, 1870. They had one daughter

1. Mabel Alice, (9), b. in Felchville, Vt., October 4, 1877. She married Wirt Goodwyn June 23, 1904 and they have five children: I, Vermona, (10), b. March 26, 1905; m. Henry Williams December 24, 1929 and have two children: Karen Meade, (11), b. January 10, 1931; Christopher, (11), b. March 2, 1933; II, Camilla, (10), b. March 20, 1908; m. Jon Roemer June 30, 1933 and have one child: Christine, (11), b. June 5, 1935; III, Rosamond, (10), b. July 7, 1909; m. William Shearer February 22, 1936; IV, Kendall, (10), b. June 28, 1911; m. Margo Kiley November 30, 1934; V, Natalie, (10), b. June 26, 1918; m. George Pounder June

23, 1934 and have one child: Meredith, (11), b. March 13, 1935.

Married 2nd Orlando Chandler May 22, 1888. Children:

2. Harold Stratton, (9), b. November 27, 1890 in Cambridgeport, Mass.; m. Ruth Damon June 1, 1916. Children: I, Gordon Harold, (10), b. April 9, 1917 in Northampton, Mass.; II, Elizabeth, (10), b. June 30, 1919 in Greenfield, Mass.
3. Hugh Kendall, (9), b. February 12, 1893 in Rutland, Vt.; m. Ethel Tomkins May 27, 1914. Children: I, Bruce, (10), b. March 23, 1915; m. Eunice Setchell, May, 1934 and have one child: Kenneth Roy, (11), b. August 5, 1935; II, Carol Louise, (10), b. October 14, 1917.
4. Marjorie Melissa, b. January 23, 1897 in Rutland, Vt.

XXIII. Ellen Julia Kendall, (8), daughter of Aaron and Melissa Kendall, b. August 24, 1856; m. John A. Dickerman January 4, 1881 in Reading, Vt., who was born in Mt. Holly, Vt., March 27, 1861. Died January 22, 1917 in Gardner, Mass. Buried in Gardner. Children:

1. Dwight Kendall, (9), b. November 30, 1881 in Felchville, Vt.; m. Elizabeth Wilson June 8, 1913. Children: I, Wilson Kendall, (10), b. February 18, 1914; II, Jean Elizabeth, (10), b. December 31, 1916.
2. John Alonzo, Jr., (9), b. November 11, 1883 in Rutland, Vt.; m. Hazel Bothwell and they have one daughter: I, Lois, (10), b. February 3, 1932 in New Haven, Conn.
3. Beatrice Ellen, (9), b. July 27, 1892; m. Dr. Laurence E. Poole. Children: I, Ridgeway Kendall, (10), b. October 20, 1912; II, Margaret, (10), b. February 13, 1916; III, David Alonzo, (10), b. August 26, 1925.

XXIV. Samuel Reed Kendall, (8), son of Aaron and Melissa Kendall, b. November 24, 1864; m. Annie L. Steele January 17, 1889. She died October 22, 1935. Children:

1. Ruth Kendall, (9), b. December 3, 1892; m. Lorey Churchill October 4, 1918. Children: I, Phyllis Ann, (10), and Doris Elizabeth, (10), twins, born November 20, 1921; II, Ruth Joy, (10), b. June 29, 1924.
2. Doris Annie, (9), b. August 6, 1896; m. Harold A. Strout July 6, 1924. Children: I, Cynthia Ann, (10), b. December 28, 1926; II, Kendall, (10), b. November 15, 1929.
3. Samuel Reed, Jr., (9), b. August 19, 1912; m. Althea Tripp, June 14, 1931. They have one child: I, Darrell Morse, (10), b. February 9, 1934.

XXV. Lucius Stearns Kendall, (8), son of Aaron and Melissa Kendall, b. February 7, 1870; m. 1st Margaret Jane Armstrong December 14, 1893. She died September 9, 1928. 2nd Ella A. Cheney, November 30, 1929. Children:

1. Alice Armstrong, (9), b. February 13, 1895; m. Bentley C. Starr in Dunedin, Fla.
2. Lucia Margaret, (9), b. August 4, 1896; m. Robert G. Hamilton in Pittsford, Vt., April 2, 1932.
3. Irwin Samuel, (9), b. March 23, 1898; m. Laura Eliza Walbridge, September 8, 1923.
4. Elizabeth, (9), b. November 24, 1899.
5. Robert Aaron, (9), b. October 24, 1901; died November 11, 1929.

XXVI. Elwin D. Kendall, (8), son of Luther and Mary (Felch) Kendall, b. April 4, 1852; m. Linda Peck October 10, 1874. Children:

1. Harley F., (9), b. April 14, 1876; m. Pearl S. Carpenter November 8, 1933.
2. Clarence W., (9), b. July 25, 1884; m. Lottie M. Thompson, daughter of Frank I. and Nettie M. Thompson in Worcester, Mass., April 28, 1909. Children: I, Margery F., (10), b. December 11, 1910; II, Jean, (10), b. March 1, 1915; III, Wilbur T., (10), b. April 9, 1922; died December 15, 1932.

XXVII. Charles R. Kendall, (8), son of Luther and Mary (Felch) Kendall, b. July 3, 1859; m. Lottie M. Alvey January 1, 1902. Children:

1. Marion F., (9), b. January 16, 1903; m. Theodore E. Parsons January 23, 1926.
2. Dorothy H., (9), b. December 14, 1913.

XXVIII. Samuel K. Chamberlin, (8), son of Mary M. (Kendall) and Hiram M. Chamberlin, b. August 10, 1858 in Weathersfield, Vt.; died in Newton, Mass., May 20, 1928, and is buried in Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; m. Mary Adelia Cranston, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., February 4, 1884. Children:

1. Willard Cranston, (9), b. Waltham, Mass., January 6, 1885; died November 20, 1932. Buried in Louisville, Ky.; m. Innes Spotts Keeney, San Francisco, Cal., November 6, 1912. Children: I, Willard Cranston, Jr., (10), b. San Francisco, Cal., August 17, 1914; m. Katherine Riker Kunhardt June 22, 1935; II, Innes Keeney, (10), b. Pittsburgh, Pa., April 18, 1922.
2. Marion Hattie, b. Rutland, Vt., November 10, 1887.
3. Morgan Gould, b. Rutland, Vt., November 6, 1890.

XXIX. Albert G. Kendall, (8), son of George W. and Emma Celestine (Tarbell) Kendall, b. in Weathersfield, Vt., March 27, 1865; m. Emma S. LaFountain 1896. Children:

1. Albert Harold, (9), b. January 19, 1897; m. Myrtie E. Swan August 9, 1924.
2. George Wilfred, (9), b. January 7, 1898.
3. Alfred Maxim, (9), b. November 13, 1902; m. Ella Dalton February 1, 1926. They have a daughter: I, Elizabeth M., (10), b. November 23, 1926.

XXX. Flora M. Kendall, (8), daughter of George W. and Emma Celestine (Tarbell) Kendall; b. in Weathersfield, Vt., June 26, 1867; died July 3, 1917. Buried in Ludlow, Vt.; m. Galen Tarbel April 4, 1888 and they had one daughter:

1. Carrie A., (9), b. February 9, 1892.

XXXI. WALTER ROSS KINSMAN, (8), son of Electa G. (Kendall) and Richard R. Kinsman; b. March 11, 1859; died July 12, 1923; m. Ida M. Lawrence December 13, 1893; died March 12, 1896. They had one daughter:

1. Katherine M., (9), b. August 30, 1895; m. Earle E. Johnson October 7, 1922. Children: I, Lorraine Mary, (10), b. January 1, 1925; II, Marilyn Kinsman, (10), and Carolyn Lawrence, (10), twins, born February 18, 1928.

XXXII. MARY ELECTA KINSMAN, (8), daughter of Electa G. (Kendall) and Richard R. Kinsman; b. December 4, 1863; m. Herbert C. Durkee December 1, 1886. Children:

1. Alice Mary, (9), b. October 13, 1887; m. James O. Morton February 22, 1910 and have one daughter: I, Katherine Kinsman, (10), b. August 16, 1917.
2. Walter K., (9), b. June 20, 1890; m. Harriett Davis June 30, 1915 and have one daughter: I, Eleanor Elizabeth, (10), b. December 13, 1920.
3. Richard Charles, (9), b. February 20, 1892; died June 24, 1929. Buried in Rutland, Vt.; m. Stella E. Hughes June 26, 1912. Children: I, Richard Charles, (10), b. August 4, 1913; II, Mary Kinsman, (10), b. September 13, 1918.

XXXIII. HARRY C. KENDALL, (8), son of Charles F. and Mary A. (Brown) Kendall, b. August 27, 1865; m. Annie Courtner August 15, 1892. She died January 3, 1912 and is buried in Grove Cemetery, Naugatuck, Conn. Children:

1. Harold C., (9), b. September 16, 1894; m. Viola Ranshow, April, 1914; m. 2nd Hazel M. Harris of Denver, Colo., September 1, 1921. He died January 26, 1924. Buried in Denver, Colo.
2. Ethel D., (9), b. September 16, 1896.
3. Walter W., (9), b. May 28, 1899; m. Ethel G. Porter of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on May 15, 1920.
4. Floyd R., (9), b. August 27, 1902; m. Ruth

Ralph R. Kendall

Evans at Boulder, Colo., June 26, 1922.
Married 2nd, Carrie Olney Cook, August 13, 1922.

XXXIV. GERTRUDE M. KENDALL, (8), daughter of Charles F. and Mary A. (Brown) Kendall, b. May 10, 1869; m. James T. Rowbottom in Clinton, Mass., December 29, 1898. Children:

1. Viola V., (9), b. December 23, 1899; m. Elmer F. Rice February 4, 1921. Children: I, Viola V., (10), b. February 26, 1922; II, Allan J., (10), b. March 21, 1923; III, Earl F., (10), b. July 3, 1924; IV, Dorothy M., (10), b. November 12, 1927; V, Charles Kendall, (10), b. February 18, 1933.
2. Irene I., (9), b. March 27, 1904; m. John W. Silvia April 20, 1928. They have one child, Mary Alice, (10), b. August 7, 1929.

XXXV. RALPH R. KENDALL, (8), son of Charles F. and Mary A. (Brown) Kendall, b. May 3, 1876 in Weathersfield, Vt.; m. 1st Grace D. Robinson in Clinton, Mass., August 28, 1900. She died March 26, 1919 and is buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester, Mass. Children 1st marriage:

1. Esther Grace, (9), b. October 23, 1903 in Worcester, Mass.; m. January 3, 1932 to Kenneth W. Haller, son of George C. and Netta V. (Woodstock) Haller, b. in Yalesville, Conn., June 22, 1904. They have a son: I, George Kendall, (10), b. January 1, 1933.
2. Alton Comey, (9), b. July 30, 1906 in Worcester, Mass.; m. March 21, 1936 to Marion A. Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Murray.

Married 2nd, Florence E. Hooker in Worcester, Mass., October 5, 1921.
Children 2nd marriage:

3. Mary Elizabeth, (9), b. July 15, 1923.
4. Robert Clayton, (9), b. July 6, 1925.

XXXVI. BERTHA LODISCA KENDALL, (8), daughter of Marcus M. and Rose (Hewitt) Kendall; b. in Springfield, Mass.,

November 9, 1881; m. Merton Cunningham June 9, 1903. Children:

1. Donald Sherman, (9), b. July 17, 1904; m. Dorothy Pratt of Brockton, Mass., October 17, 1931.
2. Bernice Ina, (9), b. October 3, 1906; m. Eldridge Wesley Smith, April 20, 1929. They have a daughter: I, Sandra Cunningham, (10), b. July 15, 1935.
3. Marcus Kendall, b. December 19, 1908.

THE KENDALL SAGA

By MARION KENDALL PARSONS

In the beginning there was Francis.

He came to this country from England in 1640 and settled in that part of Charlestown, Mass., which is now the city of Woburn, Mass.

The Kendall family was very numerous and branched out to all parts of New England, but Francis' seventh child, Samuel, lived in Woburn until 1742. Samuel's son Ebenezer, and Ebenezer's son William were born in Woburn, but all three moved to Lancaster, Mass., in the 1740's.

William, after his marriage to Mary Lippenwill in 1757, moved to Lunenburg, Mass., where he lived until he went to Townsend, Mass., in 1773. In 1769, two years after the death of his first wife, he was married to Sarah Bradstreet, daughter of a prominent family. Descendants of this family still carry on the original Bradstreet farm in Rowley, Mass.

Thomas Kendall, son of William, was born in 1772. He married Betsy Reed, member of an eminent family in Littleton, Mass., whose homestead was probably the oldest house in town. Soon after their marriage, they moved to Vermont, following relatives on the Reed side, who were located in Cavendish, Vt., as early as 1779.

In Cavendish, in 1800, they became the parents of a son, Samuel Reed Kendall, who founded that branch of the Kendall family which is included in this genealogy and which meets in annual reunion at Felchville, Vt. He was the sixth generation.

Samuel married Matilda Thomas in 1822, and soon after moved to Wethersfield, Vt., later to a farm on Little Ascutney Mountain, and eventually to Felchville, Vt. His activities were varied, for in addition to farming, he bought and sold real estate and operated a lime kiln. At the time of his death he was the proprietor of the hotel in Felchville. His Little Ascutney farm came later to be owned by Aaron and Charles Kendall. Samuel was a prominent man in the community,

honored, well-liked and respected. To him people came for advice, to him they turned when in trouble. He was a splendid figure of a man, well over six feet in height, and broad in proportion, and his strength was well known. In fact, the village "crazy man" said he wasn't afraid of anybody but God, Sam Kendall, and the devil!

But Samuel Kendall was not a stern and fearsome man. He was jolly and full of fun, and while his eyes could flash with indignation when occasion demanded, they far more often twinkled with merriment.

In the days of his youth, when he was one of a large family of children, his mother employed a negro woman to do the family washing. On a very rainy washday it was decided that the laundress should stay for the night instead of returning home in the storm. The children were given the task of seeing that a bed was made ready for her. Samuel may not have been the instigator of the trick, but certainly he was one of the delighted perpetrators. His brother Luther was away and would return late in the evening. The negress was given his bed. The family was in bed and the house was dark when Luther arrived, and to avoid disturbing them he climbed the piazza post and entered his room through the window. He undressed in the dark and knew nothing of the presence of a visitor until, as he started to get into bed, the startled negress awoke and let out a frightened yell.

Samuel, in his more mature years, was known as "Uncle Sam" to the entire village. At a time when he was working at the hotel doing odd jobs, Prosper Merrill, one of the wealthier citizens, had an English coachman, Westcott by name. He was a husky fellow, and so continually boasting of his strength and ability as to be a bore and a nuisance in the village.

One morning Westcott came into the barn where Samuel was working. Stalls were lined along both sides of the building, and, at the further end, through wide open doors, beyond a low partition, could be seen the pile of manure to which Samuel was adding the night's accumulation.

"Uncle Sam," said Westcott, "I've a good mind to put you into that manure pit."

Samuel turned with a swift movement, his arm in back of Westcott's neck, bending him forward, and with no apparent effort, lifted him by the collar of his coat and the seat of his trousers, and dropped him deliberately on the pile of manure. He landed on all fours.

Martin Curley was a jack of all trades. He repaired shoes, dealt in watches, traded cows. At one time, after an interval of pleasant dickering, he and Samuel agreed to trade a watch for a certain amount of wood. If Curley was surprised at the generous amount of wood he was offered and thought he was getting the best of the bargain, he was not the man to say so. And after quite some time, the wood was still undelivered.

"Say, Sam," said Curley one day, "when are you going to deliver that wood for me?"

"Deliver the wood?" answered Sam. "I never promised to *deliver* any wood for the watch. The wood is ready for you in the woods on the mountain any time you want to draw it!"

In spite of his tall stature, Samuel frequently wore a stove pipe hat which increased his height. One day in the dead of winter he became concerned over the condition of the spring which supplied the water for the household. It was cold and the snow was deep, but he set out wearing his tall hat, and armed with a shovel. When he was ready to return down the steep hill, he seated himself on the shovel, grasped the handle, and lifted his heels from their restraining hold in the crusty snow.

Down the hill he went with his coat tails flying. The speed of the improvised sled and the irregularities of the hill proved too much for the integrity of the conveyance, and the shovel, the hat and Samuel finally ended each in a different place.

One summer during haying time Samuel was mowing on his hillside, his scythe swinging in steady rhythm. Up the road came three men, one striding grimly ahead of the others. Samuel watched them from the corner of his eye. They halted near him, and the one in the lead spoke.

"Seems to me you're cutting over onto my lot here."

"Then you think wrong," returned Samuel. "The line runs here, and here," and pointed.

Battle was joined at once, three arguing hotly against one, quiet but set. Over the brow of the hill came George White. He listened for a while to the argument until, too excited to keep quiet any longer, he broke in.

"Go ahead and fight, Uncle Sam. I'll help you!"

"Fight!" Samuel was scornful. "If you want to fight, get over there on the weakest side! *I* don't need any help!"

The girl whom Samuel married was an attractive young lady. Even her family admitted it. Her sister Louisa confessed that every night she used to tie up her nose so that it would be short like Matilda's!

When her children were growing up, the boys coming back from the fields one day heard a strange noise in the berry bushes and halted suspiciously.

"What's that?" said Mark. "Where's a stone?"

"Don't throw a stone, Mark," said their mother's voice, and with twinkling eyes she thrust her head out of the bushes.

One day, in later years, she was walking along the country road with her granddaughter Ina. The glances the little girl cast frequently at the tall figure beside her revealed obviously to anyone interested that she was perfectly satisfied in her own mind that her grandmother was a very wonderful person.

She looked up at her now with a question.

"Grandmother, did you really have ten litle babies?"

Matilda Kendall looked down at the small person beside her, and paused in her walk.

"Yes, dear," she answered, taking the serious face between her hands, "ten little babies. I wish there had been a baker's dozen."

In October of 1869 the rain fell in such torrents that the dam above the village broke. The water rushed down through the village, carrying everything movable along with it. The bridge across the main street was washed out, and the house that stood near it was carried from its foundations and deposited in the garden some rods distant. The ell part, however, stood fast, its interior shamelessly exposed.

It was in that house that the minister made his home, and in his trunk in the ell were his sermons and his books. It seemed only a question of minutes before the ell should be washed down stream, and he feared for the safety of his papers. He turned to Samuel Kendall, as did every one in trouble.

At the farthest end of the ell, the ground rose slightly, but enough to be out of the water. A ladder was brought and placed beneath an upstairs window, and Samuel started the ascent.

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Of all those who stood there watching, not one of them saw his fall. Suddenly he was lying on the ground, and a shattered ladder round told the tragic story. His neck was broken. He died instantly.

Across the swirling stream another crowd was watching. They could tell by the commotion that something had happened. Those who knew tried to shout the news to them, but the roar of the waters drowned out their voices. Finally a note, tied to a stone and thrown across the river, conveyed the sad message to his family.

So died, on October 4, 1869, Samuel Rèed Kendall in the sixty-ninth year of his age.

On the day of his funeral the rivers were still swollen and where bridges were washed out, it was necessary to ford the streams. As Samuel's son George was driving home with his sister Electa and her two children, their buggy tipped in mid-stream, and one of the children was tumbled out, the other very nearly following after. Neither suffered any lasting ill effects from the experience, and though George lost his over-coat and the razor in its pocket, both were recovered later some distance downstream, and in separated places.

Samuel's wife Matilda lived twenty-three years after her husband. Then she became quite ill, and the family realized the end was near. For days before her death she took no nourish-ment and seemed not aware of those who came and went by her bedside.

Marcus was the youngest of her sons, and very dear. Just before his birthday he went into see his mother and knelt beside her bed. After a time, she who had noticed no one for days reached out her hand and patted his head,—patted it slowly and with effort the number of times that he was years old. It was her last conscious action.

Two days later she died, on August 11, 1892.

Samuel and Matilda Kendall had ten children.

Eliza was their oldest child. There were times when she regretted having younger brothers. Everyone knows that the time passes very quickly when one is entertaining the object of one's affections. It made it even worse to have the boys, when her best beau was calling, set the clock ahead half an hour every time it struck!

Eliza was married twice, her second husband being Bradford Grimes. A member of the family remarked later that Eliza seemed to have improved since her marriage, and Bradford replied that he intended everything around him should improve.

In his later years he became rather hard of hearing. Though he could hear nothing of the sermon, he regularly drove the four miles to church every Sunday. Even though the horse might slump most of the distance, he always drove up with a dash and lifted the horse to his hind legs as he stopped, and started off for home with a flourish. The minister, realizing that Bradford could hear nothing of the service, and conscious of the example he set by his regular attendance, once told him that he preached a sermon four miles long every time he came to church.

Deaf though he was, he at least knew as much about the sermon as did Betsy, wife of Samuel's brother, that same Luther who found a negress in his bed. She was entertaining a caller one afternoon.

"How did you like last Sunday's sermon, Betsy," asked the caller as they rocked comfortably.

"Well, I haven't heard Luther say," answered Betsy.

Aaron was the second oldest child, but he did not marry until he was twenty-eight, so his next youngest brother was married and had his first son before any children were born to Aaron's household. He and his wife Melissa stood looking enviously at their young nephew.

"Never mind, Melissa," comforted Aaron. "We'll have three before they have any more."

And they did!

Luther, the third son, could boast after forty years of married life, that his wife did not know how to scold. As an

example, he related the story of a time when he tried to lift down from a high shelf in the pantry a large pan of milk in which the cream had been allowed to rise. Somehow, the pan tipped, and all the milk spilled out. Not a drop went on him, but shelves and floor were covered, and it was almost impossible to find a dish in the pantry that had not been spattered. His wife Mary, hearing the commotion, appeared in the doorway and surveyed the disheartening scene.

"Well, Luther," she said mildly, "it's lucky it didn't go all over you."

Mary and George were the next two children to be born to Samuel and Matilda. Mary died in 1886, the youngest of any of the girls. George, after his marriage, settled on the old Kendall farm just over the line in Wethersfield, Vt. He lived there until his death in 1897, which was caused by a fall from a load of hay coming down off the mountain.

Electa was the third daughter, and a lively one she was. One day when their father and mother were away, and the children were running somewhat wild in their unwonted freedom, Electa, in a moment of defiance, did something that irritated the boys beyond measure. Without giving themselves time to think twice, they seized her and cut off her hair.

They may immediately have regretted their action, but the deed was done, and she retired in agony of soul to her room. Failing at length to find solace there, she sought a more spacious place to mourn and started for the barn. En route she came across a most attractive package, and conceived at once what she thought to be a plan for effective revenge. Tucking the parcel under her arm, she returned to the house and marched past the children, shorn head high.

"I've got something nice," she taunted. "And I'm not going to tell you, and don't you wish you knew!"

Upheld by the satisfaction of a slight retaliation, she returned to her room and opened the package curiously. It contained her hair.

Joseph was the next child. He had the reputation among the relatives of being somewhat behindhand, but he knew at least once the experience of being very much ahead of time. One day there was a tremendous commotion up the road, and his mother looked out to see the team of white horses galloping

toward home, the wagon swaying madly behind. Perched alone on the seat, and hanging on for dear life, was very young Joseph! The team passed the house and swung in around it. The kitchen stood at right angles to the main house, and the horses pulled up sharply in the corner thus formed. The end of the wagon pole smashed into the kitchen, and Joseph yelled, but the horses had gotten over their fright and stood, panting heavily, squeezed up between the wagon and the house.

One Thanksgiving, years later when most of the children were grown, there was a knock at the door in the dusk of late afternoon. Samuel opened it to find an old colored woman leaning there tiredly. She asked timidly for a bite to eat, and he called to his wife Matilda to get something for her. As she sat by the kitchen table, eating slowly, her eye chanced to meet Electa's.

"Oh," cried Electa, penetrating the disguise, "it's Joe."

He told the family then that after he had blacked up, he had gone down the road to the home of "Daddy" Highland, an old man who lived by himself. There, with some insistence, he had asked for food and shelter for the night. The old man, somewhat frightened, said he couldn't keep the colored woman for the night because he had only one bed, and had been even more disturbed when his would-be guest said that wouldn't bother her a bit!

Charles was the next to show his face in the family circle. When he was grown and had boys of his own, one of them, Ralph by name, was so full of mischief that the school teacher found it next to impossible to manage him. At the end of her endurance, she applied to the boy's father, asking him to use his influence to make the youngster behave at school.

Charles was sympathetic, but wise.

"No," he said, "I'll manage Ralph at home, but discipline at school is up to you."

So impressed was the boy with this reply, that he remembered it to repeat in later years, but whether, at the time, he was impressed with the soundness of his father's logic or at the brightening prospect for himself, you are free to guess. Maybe it was both.

Charles was laid up in the house on a day which was an especially busy one for Mary his wife. There was a great deal to be done, things were not going well, and to add to the confusion, the boys were playing in the house, and with exuberant disregard of grown-up troubles, were constantly under foot. Suddenly, in a mad scramble, one of them bumped into his mother. Abruptly her self-control was shattered.

"Charles," she snapped, "I wish you'd speak to those boys."

Painfully her husband rose and moved to where the boys were standing in a sheepish row, suddenly abashed at the unwonted impatience in their mother's voice. Slowly he looked from one boy to the next, and finally he spoke.

"Good morning, boys."

Charles' death occurred at the age of fifty-three. He died the youngest of any member of the family.

Lodisca was the youngest of the daughters of Samuel and Matilda. She was married twice, and had one daughter by her first husband. After his death it was necessary to hire a man to carry on the work of the farm which he had left. Quite some time later the hired man, Perkins Fletcher by name, went to the store to do some trading, taking the little girl with him. The clerk was very fond of children, and finally coaxed the child onto his lap.

As he visited with her, he said, "I suppose you sit in Mr. Fletcher's lap when you're at home."

The little girl looked up brightly and said, "No, but mama does!"

And Perkins Fletcher soon became her step-father.

Lodisca lived to be the oldest of any of the family, being eighty-nine when she died.

Marcus was the baby of the family. There were those of his brothers who contended that he did not have to work as hard as the rest. Perhaps that is why he was able to develop so well his ability to grunt like a pig, complete with squeals. The school teacher, Miss Nina Sherwin, who boarded with his parents, was terribly afraid of pigs, and Marcus, unfortunately, knew this. Every day, when school was over, he lay hidden beside a stone wall past which Miss Sherwin had to walk,

and as she came abreast of him, he shook the protecting bushes and grunted realistically. The teacher always performed to his satisfaction, gathering her skirts about her, and dashing madly home. However, so anxious was he to watch her, that eventually she saw him, and thereafter refused to be frightened. He determined to remedy that sad state of affairs, and, on a day when his father was not at home, turned the old sow into the field and drove her to his usual hiding place. When Miss Sherwin appeared, he prodded the pig into vocal and pedal activity, and the girl fled in terror as the animal appeared beside her. One demonstration was enough. She never again doubted the authenticity of the grunts.

So many of the children of Samuel and Matilda married and settled in Felchville or near by, that town affairs took on the nature of a family gathering, and there came in time to be a large group of cousins. At a picnic to which everyone was invited, the minister was leading the way in his buggy. One of the Kendalls started a song. The voices rang out. "Satan leading on."

During the winter the young people gathered frequently at each other's houses. No small part of the enjoyment of the evening was to be found in the sleigh ride which began and ended it. One night the gathering was at the farm on Little Ascutney. Going downhill on the homeward trip, part of the two-horse harness broke, and the end of the sled pole dropped to the ground, burying itself in the snow. However, the slope was so steep and the weight of the sled so heavy that, instead of stopping, it went right on, the end of the pole remaining stuck in the snow where it fell, and the sled, with its load of startled young people, riding right through the air, a pole's length from the ground!

Among the cousins in the village was an oxen-minded youngster named Elwin, Luther's son. At the age of five he fitted a yoke to two small kittens and drove them about, oxen fashion, in any erratic manner that suited their impulses. And very soon afterwards he was driving a full-sized pair of oxen on the road.

By the time he was of the age to court the new school teacher, Elwin had broken and trained his own colt, and the horse came to assume the role of chaperon when he took young Linda Peck to ride.

One very dark evening the horse was wandering at will along a road in whose soft dirt the buggy wheels turned noiselessly. There was silence in the carriage. Suddenly there was a loud crash in the bushes at the roadside, and simultaneously the horse stopped short. Investigation revealed that a preoccupied pedestrian had bumped noses with the horse, and while the horse had been surprised to a standstill, the man had made the bushes in one jump!

Elwin was always one to use his head to figure out the best way of doing a thing. One day he had been after grain and was rattling home in the dump cart. The noise disturbed him, and he discovered that by sitting on the back end of the cart, the chain link, holding the body in position, was pulled tight and so kept the cart from bumping and clattering on the frame. He rode along thus in comparative quiet until he found himself and the grain dumped suddenly and unceremoniously in the middle of the road. The link had come unfastened, and the concentration of weight on the rear end was too much for the equilibrium of the dump cart.

Elwin's younger brother Charles had the engaging habit when he was a baby of crying in heartbroken sobs when he was left alone. As soon as anyone appeared, his cries stopped instantly. Those who knew the trick would stand it as long as they could, and then weaken, thinking, "There *must* be something the matter with him this time!" But there never was.

While he was still in long dresses, and seated one day on the floor, a mouse ran up inside his clothes. His mother grabbed him quickly and shook him until the mouse dropped down. It was she who was horrified, not he.

The horses on the farm were gentle and well-behaved, but Charles seemed adept at getting into difficulties with them. When he was six, one of the horses stood one day beside a field in which oxen were being used to plow. She was hitched to a wagon around which young Charles was playing. Tiring of that, he decided to mount the horse, for she was gentle, and used to having children ride her. He crouched in the front of the wagon, and jumped for her back. At the first touch, the horse lunged forward, and Charles, failing to gain his mount, slid down behind. One arm went over the shaft, and the other through the breeching of the harness, while both legs automatically clung around the most convenient one of the

horse. Charles' terrified cries added to the fright of the horse, and she dashed up the road past the house, and swung in around it. There she was brought up short by the sheep carriers at the farther end, which served as a fence. Luther arrived on the run and extricated one badly frightened little boy.

When he was somewhat older, he went one day with his brother Wilbur to help drive sheep. Wilbur was ahead on horseback, while Charles followed in the buggy. In front of the cemetery he had to stop, and the horse, for some reason, began to back. One wheel of the buggy rolled off the bank, and Charles jumped to the other side to balance it. As he jumped, the reins loosened slightly, the horse whirled, jumped off the banking which was an almost sheer drop of fifteen feet, and dashed across the meadow. The buggy landed bottom side up, with Charles beneath it, and the high back of the seat kept him from being crushed. As the horse bolted across the field, Charles was rolled over and over, scraped along by the back of the seat. Miraculously the buggy missed the many rocks that dotted the meadow, all but one, and at its impact with that, the buggy stopped its mad careening, for the harness broke, and the horse was free. Charles was very much shaken up and bruised, but with no more serious injuries.

Albert, George's son, was visiting Aaron's family. He was courting. As far as the young people of the household could tell, the courtship was progressing satisfactorily. Every evening he set out to visit his loved one, returning always after the family had gone to bed.

One night, to show that they had ever his best interests at heart, the cousins arranged to give him a rousing welcome. He came in late, and quietly, as was his custom, carrying his shoes in his hand. Carefully he pushed open the door. Abruptly and simultaneously, the sweet memories of his love and the calm of the night fled before a hair-raising clatter. A pan of beans, judiciously placed above the door, emptied its contents in a shower about him, and the door, swinging back against a string, started a jangling of the pans that were attached.

All the world loves a lover. The feeling is not always reciprocal.

Lute Kendall was lost! Aaron's little boy.

The youngster was a favorite with everyone, and as the news spread through the town, men left their work to join in the search for him, and the women left their kitchens to be company for Lute's mother and to share her suspense.

To each new arrival she told the history of his disappearance as far as she knew it. Lute had gone with Aaron to fetch a pig. When they reached home, Aaron had taken the pig from under the seat of the wagon and carried it to the pen. Lute hadn't been seen since.

Time wore on, and each face became more strained. Suddenly those in the kitchen heard a burst of laughter from the yard, and up toward the house came the men, with Lute, flushed and sleepy-eyed, riding on someone's shoulder. They had found him fast asleep under the wagon seat. He'd been playing pig!

Christmas came on Sunday. Charles had given his son Ralph a pair of skates, but, as the lad knew very well, skates may be received on Sunday, but not used. However, there were the skates, and, out of sight of the house, there was a pond covered with ice.

Watching his chance, he smuggled his skates out of the house, and later, with deceiving nonchalance, he sauntered off, retrieved his skates, and reached the pond by a circuitous route. But the sun was warm, the ice had softened, and before long, Ralph broke through. Fortunately he came up in the same hole, and the boys pulled him out without much trouble.

That ended his skating for the day. He spent the rest of the afternoon running up and down on the top of the hill in the sunshine, and when it was safely dusk, he ventured home, sliding unobtrusively into the kitchen through the shadows of a lamp-lighted room to stand behind the kitchen stove until he was completely dry. He suffered no ill effects, not even a cold. Of such stuff are Vermonters made!

That lad is the author of this memorial and is now holding the office of County Treasurer in Worcester County, Mass.

No Kendall descendant now lives in the home village of Felchville, Vt., but there are descendants of the different families living in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, North Dakota, Illinois, and Pennsylvania.

KENDALL STATISTICS

Vital and Otherwise

Of the ten children born to Samuel and Matilda Kendall, Charles died the youngest, at the age of 53.

Lodisca lived to be the oldest, her death occurring at the age of 89.

Of the next generation, Mrs. Etta Cabot is the only living member of Eliza's family.

All of Aaron's children are living with the exception of Alice who died in 1886 at the age of 27. Eva is in Manchester, Vt., Mary in Springfield, Mass., Ellen in Gardner, Mass., Hattie in Rutland, Vt., Samuel in Brattleboro, Vt., and Lucius in Pittsford, Vt.

Luther is survived by Elwin, living in Springfield, Mass., and Charles in Southampton, Mass.

Katherine Chamberlin of Philadelphia, Penn., is the only living member of Mary's family.

Albert and Ray of Keene, N. H., are the only living members of George's family.

Electa is survived by Mary who lives in Rutland, Vt. Electa's son, Walter Kinsman, was a prominent business man of Rutland, and died in 1923. He had carried on a monument business for many years, and at the time of his death was a prominent member of several lodges, president of the Rotary Club, a banker, and was interested in numerous business enterprises. He could undoubtedly have been elected mayor of Rutland if he had consented to run.

There are no surviving members of Joseph's family.

All of Charles' children are living. Ralph has gathered and prepared all the material for this memorial. He holds the office of County Treasurer in Worcester County, Mass.

None of Lodisca's children are living.

Marcus is survived by Ina of Springfield, Mass., and Bertha of Longmeadow, Mass.

Elwin, 84, is the oldest member of the family now living.

Mary Chandler is the only member of the family who has great-grandchildren.

Hugh Chandler was the youngest to become a grandfather, having a grandchild when he was only 42.

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